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School Days.

School days are with us again, and some of us will be looking back over the days of childhood and recounting the precious hours that were frittered away.

Young people are seldom able to penetrate the veil of the future and realize the imperative need of an education.

But the need is there and is becoming more insistent as time goes on and civilization progresses.

In the olden days the educated class were but few in number. Today they are almost universal. Tomorrow—who knows what the requirements will be?

There is a training school for every profession, for almost every trade, and even the tiller of the soil has colleges and universities for the dissemination of knowledge necessary to a wider and more diversified field of agricultural activity.

With our children back into the class rooms again, it would be well for us of mature years to enlarge our interest in their welfare.

We should extend to the teachers a full measure of encouragement and support, and thereby add to the zest of their labors.

Our duty does not end with starting the child to school in the morning. That is only the beginning.

An active and daily interest in its progress will lend encouragement to its efforts and spur it on to greater success.

Parental commendation is sweet to every child.

Indifference is the father of neglect.

A Modern Menace.

We believe the average man who owns an automobile is reasonably considerate of the rights of other people. Were it otherwise the fatality list would be appalling.

But there is a limited class who respect neither person nor thing.

They tear through the country at forty and fifty miles an hour, seldom slackening speed as they pass other cars on the road, and rendering the highways of travel more dangerous than a modern battlefield.

These men are a menace to every community through which they pass.

If they possessed either brains or decency they would be otherwise—but possessing neither, they become a public nuisance and should be sent to an asylum or a penitentiary.

Our laws are too lenient and their enforcement is too lax.

We consider it a justifiable act to kill a man who attacks us without provocation.

Yet the speed maniac, without provocation or excuse, kills and maims and is let off with a nominal fine—or escapes entirely.

A snake is a snake, whether it crawls in the grass or races at the wheel of an automobile.

It is time for the public to begin a campaign of extermination.

And still Professor Taft and Professor Wilson will not be entirely without claims to distinction. They typify the fat and the lean of it.

Demonstration
Work

Those who have recent price lists of fruit trees realize that new trees will cost much more than formerly. Why? In addition to the natural advance in sympathy with everything else together with the increased prices for fruit, I am induced to believe that as folks have more money they are more and more willing to pay some one for what they could do themselves. Begin now to grow your own trees—fix a place where the soil is good and well drained and plant seeds of apples and peaches that are thrifty growers. Select a place that will not be disturbed by cultivation where trees may be left for one year after they are bud before being set out in a permanent orchard.

Remember the great and all pervading law that "like tends to produce like" and choose seeds for planting from heavy producers of good fruit. Prof. Bailey, of Cornell, says "Varieties have district adaptations to geographical areas" and "some trees are uniformly productive and some are uniformly unproductive" hence the care needful in choosing seeds and scions from thrifty and highly productive trees which have proven that they are adapted to our soil and climatic conditions.

The seeds may be planted at any time after the ground is cold enough to prevent sprouting before spring. The scions for both grafting and budding, after the trees are fully dormant—say in December—then pack in moist sand where they will not freeze to wait till spring for putting out. Begin now to think of and plan for these things so they can be done right.

A common question these days is "What sort of a fair are YOU going to have?" I expect to attend and have the sort of fair you make—I will do the best I can to have it good—yes, the best fair ever staged in Wise county. But the people in Wise county must make it so. I cannot.

I wish every one who will place stock in the sale would notify me or some officer of the association so every provision can be made for a good sale. We want nothing but good stuff in the sale and some time, if not this year, we hope to offer no males in hogs or cattle that are not pure bred and registered. We desire to attract buyers from beyond Wise county lines and make this sale both a stimulant to better breeding and a clearing house for surplus stock. It may mean a little sacrifice on the part of some breeders to get this started right, but no community grows on a basis of selfishness. We must give if we would get the larger things in life.

Experts of the U. S. Department of Agriculture have discovered a substance that seems to give promise of a relief from the peach borers. I will tell readers more about it as soon as I am sure what to say. The stuff is called "Para-Dichlorobenzene" and has proven fairly effective in a trial for three years.

W. S. Goss, County Agent,
Wise, Virginia.

Engagement Announcement
Party.

Mrs. Henry Lane was the hostess of a beautifully planned "Star" party on Thursday of last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Barron, at which the engagement and approaching marriage of her sister, Miss Margaret Barron to Mr. Curtis Robbins, was uniquely announced.

The guests were appointed to their places at four small tables where they engaged in an "Astronomy" contest. Miss Helen McCormick guessed correctly the greatest number of stars and won the prize, three pretty handkerchiefs. After this diversion the guests were invited to the hall, where Mrs. Lane served refreshing fruit punch.

The next contest was the "Star Gazing" contest which consisted of pictures of moving picture stars cut from magazines and pasted on card boards. Misses Frances Scott and Eleanor Baker guessed correctly the greatest number of "Movie Stars" and won the prizes,

tickets to the Amuzu Theater for Thursday night.

Misses Janet Bailey and Ruth Barron assisted Mrs. Lane all during the afternoon in entertaining the guests and at the close of the contests in serving a delicious salad course and punch on the small tables.

After the refreshments were served, small envelopes were passed to all the guests in which were little booklets entitled: "Announcing a New Star." Upon opening these booklets, a small picture of Miss Margaret Barron and Mr. Robbins was disclosed and the following interesting announcement: "Announcing Miss Margaret Barron in her new role under the management of Mr. Curtis Robbins. Miss Barron will be starred in the coming season in a new play entitled, 'His Wife.'"

Rehearsals are now in progress and the premier performance will take place at the Barron Theater, Wood Avenue, on September 16th. The cast includes Mr. Robbins, leading man; Mr. Clarence Robbins, best man, others to be announced later.

The following were invited to this lovely affair:

Misses Laura Marrs, of Keokuk; Goldie Beaman, of Anderson, Ind.; Nell Van Gorder, Frances Long, Juliet Knight, Helen McCormick, Frances Scott, Bruce Skeen, Nora Youell, Eleanor Baker, Gladys and Mary Lyle, Aurora and Gladys Christy, Laura and Eunice Darrell, Doris Warner and Janet Bailey. Mrs. S. E. Banks, Mrs. L. C. Taylor, Mrs. Sally A. Bailey, Mrs. L. J. Horton and Mrs. R. P. Barron.

Theatrical.

How a modest girl with a captivating smile lured a Manhattan Insurance Company into a workshop of lovelorn wretches forms the basis for the next Constance Talmadge picture which will be seen at the Amuzu Theater, Thursday.

When Nobility Becomes Commercial.

"A Virtuous Vamp," is the title of this attraction, which is based on Clyde Fitch's play, "The Bachelor." John Emerson and Anita Loos, the screen's foremost satirists, are responsible for the adaptation and eastern critics have showered high praise on their effort.

As Nellie Jones, Miss Talmadge takes the part of a girl who found it convenient to cast aside her aristocratic name of Gwendolyn Diana Beaumont Armitage, in order to gain a place in the insurance office of James Crowninshield, a bachelor, who hated to mix social affairs with business.

Nellie is a steady stenographer until Gilda Gray, a Broadway shimmy dancer, makes application for a \$50,000 policy on her shoulders. Then it becomes necessary for the winsome typist to escort the staid Mr. Crowninshield to a jazz parlor for an investigation of this matter.

It is then that Crowninshield decides to stop being a bachelor, and this makes the beginning of Nellie's vampirish attempts to win the only man who refuses to be captivated by her "innocent" wiles—addy.

If your neighbor is full of faults let others tell them to you.

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THURSDAY

Doctors, lawyers, merchants, elevator boys, lingerie drummers and crap shooters, Nellie vamped 'em all. She even set four inmates of the Old Men's Home to writing love letters.

CONSTANCE TALMADGE

in

The story of a miss with principles pure as the Ten Commandments, with a pair of eyes that made Cleopatra look like a consumptive selling plaster and with a list of "vamped" victims reaching from Frisco to Main Street, New York.

"A VIRTUOUS VAMP"

A JOHN EMERSON—ANITA LOOS PRODUCTION

Adapted from Clyde Fitch's Play, "The Bachelor."

Baptist Church
Notes

Sunday school was the best ever last Sunday, when measured by attendance. It is fine to see the interest gradually growing. We must now turn our attention to providing for some of the needs of those who come.

Last Sunday evening as a result of a good study class in the B. Y. P. U. Manual, we organized a Baptist Young People's Union. We entertain bright hopes for the future of this organization of the young people. Let all who will, give them encouragement. Mr. R. G. Morton was elected president, and Mr. Letcher Bunn, vice president; while Mr. George Goodlee and Miss Clara Dowell were elected as group captains, to lead their respective teams in preparing and rendering the programs. Other important officers were elected, who will begin their work promptly.

Beginning with last Sunday, the hour for the evening service is 8:00 o'clock, instead of 8:15, as it was during the summer. So let the people come earlier. We extend a cordial invitation to the teachers and pupils of our public school to worship with us whenever they can. A. L. SHUMATE, Pastor.

East Stone Gap Baptist
Church.

Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. A. L. Shumate, will preach at the Baptist church, at East Stone Gap. The public is cordially invited.

The foolish man makes a big noise over a little thought. That's the reason he is foolish.

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